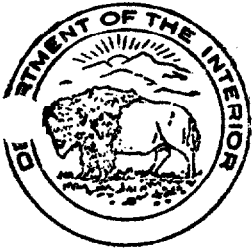


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DAY ANNOUNCES NEW APPOINTMENT TO POFI UNIT IN HONOLULU

The appointment of Dr. John Laurence Kask to the position of Chief, Section of Research and Development, of the Pacific Oceanic Fishery Investigations at Honolulu, T. H., was announced today by Secretary of the Interior Oscar L. Chapman.

Dr. Kask succeeds Dr. Milner B. Schaefer who left Honolulu in December for San Diego, Calif., to become Director of Investigations of the newly formed Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission.

Dr. Kask brings to his new position extensive experience in fishery research and administration, Albert M. Day, Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service, said. He was graduated from the University of British Columbia in 1928 and received his Ph.D. degree at the University of Washington in Seattle in 1936. He investigated the biology and utilization of the Pacific halibut for the International Fisheries Commission from 1929 to 1938; was associate scientist and assistant director of the International Salmon Commission from 1939 to 1943; and curator of aquatic biology at the California Academy of Sciences in San Francisco from 1945 to 1948. Since 1948 he has been the chief biologist of the Fisheries Division of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in Washington, D. C.

In his new work Dr. Kask will be responsible for the conduct of scientific research and the planning of exploratory fishing operations to lay the basis for developing the high seas fishery resources in the Pacific Ocean areas around the Hawaiian, Phoenix, and Line Islands, and in the Trust Territories.

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